

URBAN DISTRICT OF KIRKBY LONSDALE

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1925.

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URBAN DISTRICT OF KIRKBY LONSDALE.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Kirkby Lonsdale.

Sir & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual  
Report for the year 1925.

In accordance with instructions from the Ministry  
of Health, this must be a Survey Report, and consequently more  
comprehensive than those presented to you during the previous four  
years, reviewing within your area.

- (a) the measures of progress made in the improvement  
of the public health.
- (b) the extent and character of the changes made in  
the public health services.
- (c) any further action of importance in the  
organisation or development of public health  
services which may be contemplated or  
considered desirable.

I much appreciate the courtesy with which you have  
received any advice tendered to you, in the past, and also the careful  
consideration you have always given to any suggestions offered to you.

To your Sanitary Inspector, I would express my thanks  
for all the help he has given to me freely at all times: without  
which, public health work could never prosper. I am grateful also to  
very many of my professional colleagues, who have given me much  
assistance and upon whose co-operation I can always ~~rely~~. rely.

I have the honour to be,

Sir & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. Baron Cockill,

Medical Officer of Health  
Westmorland Combined Districts.

March 15th 1926.





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for the year ending December 31st. 1925.

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Area (acres)	3,254
Population (census 1921)	1,393
Population estimated 1925.	1,341
Number of inhabited houses (census 1921)	329
Number of families or separate occupiers (census 1921)	329
Rateable Value.	£10,996
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£35.

Kirkby Lonsdale is a small town, beautifully situated in the South East corner of Westmorland, on the West Bank of the River Lune. It is sheltered by high hills on the East and West formed of Limestone, which rock underlies the whole of the district, having gravel superimposed, covered with a rich loamy soil. The climate is mild. Agriculture is the only industry, but the district is also a residential one.

Extracts From Vital Statistics Of The Year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Births (legitimate)	9	6	15	Birth Rate 13. 48.
(Illegitimate)	1	1	17	
Deaths. 13				Death Rate 10. 3.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth:-

From Sepsis. Nil.

Other Causes. Nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births:-

Legitimate.	66.	Illegitimate.	Nil	Total.	66.
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Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil

" " Whooping-cough (all ages) Nil

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years) 1

Poor Law Outdoor Relief has been administered to 11 persons at the cost of £103.



### Staff.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office.	Whole or Part Time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributes by P.H.A. or Exchequer Grants.
W. B. Cockill.	M.D. etc D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part.	M.O.H. Westmorland Combined Districts.	Yes.
J. Kassell.	M.S.A. A.R.San.I.	Sanitary Inspector.	Part to Dec. 1925.	Surveyor.	Yes.
J. Chadwick.	M.S.I.A. A.R.San.I.	Sanitary Inspector.	Part from Dec. 1925.	Surveyor.	Yes.

### Professional Nursing in the Home -

- (a) General. District Nursing Association.
- (b) Infectious Diseases e.g. Measles etc. " " "

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives- No subsidy is paid by the Public Health Authority to the one practising midwife.

Chemical Work- Is under the supervision of the County Council.

### Legislation in Force:-

	Adopted.
Part III, Public Health Acts amendment Act. 1890	1891
Infectious Disease (prevention) Act. 1890.	1891

### Byelaws:-

Private scavenging.	1874
Prevention of Nuisance.	1874
Common Lodging-houses.	1874
Slaughter-houses.	1874
Markets and Fairs.	1874
New Streets and Buildings.	1914
Regulations under Section 13, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order 1885.	1907

# TABLE

Year	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905
Population	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	1,400,000	1,500,000
Area	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000
Production	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000
Consumption	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000
Export	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000
Import	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000

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No particular causes of sickness or invalidity have arisen during the year nor has there been any unusual or excessive mortality in the district.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Hospital.	Situation.	Accommodation.
Tuberculosis.	Meathop, Grange-over-Sands.	150 beds
Maternity.	Westmorland County Hospital. Kendal.	6 "
Children.	Nil.	
Fever.	The Sanatorium, Kendal.	46 "
Small-pox.	Nil.	
Ethel Hedley Hospital School (Orthopaedic)	Oalgarth, Windermere.	30 "
Venereal Disease.	North Lonsdale Hospital. Barrow-in-Furness.	-

The Westmorland County Hospital, Kendal, contains 50 beds available for all non-infectious, medical, surgical and abnormal midwifery cases. A new Maternity Ward was opened in 1924. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

#### Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, etc.

St Monica's Maternity Home, under the control of the Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

#### Ambulance Facilities.-

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) Infectious Cases.     | Removed by the Kendal Ambulance  |
| (b) Non-Infectious Cases. | Removed by the Kendal Ambulance. |

#### Clinics and Treatment Centres:-

- Tuberculosis Dispensary at Kendal.
- Travelling School Dental Clinic.



Sanitary Inspection of the area .. Through the illness of the late Sanitary Inspector no record of any nuisances discovered or dealt with for some years past is available.

SMOKE ABATEMENT - No action has been necessary during the year.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS

Common Lodging -house.	1
Slaughter -houses.	5
Dairies, Milkshops & Cowsheds.	10

OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE - No provision is made for dealing with any case of small -pox which might arise.

SCHOOLS - The sanitary condition and water supply of the elementary school is good. The urinal at the boys school was found to be dirty and is being remedied by treating the stone slabs (after cleansing) with a coat of pitch.

#### HOUSING. 1925

Housing conditions in the district There is no overcrowding but a new type of house is required to meet the demands of people desiring a better class of house, many of the houses being in a defective state with poor accommodation.. There is no marked shortage of houses and no measures have been taken or contemplated as necessary. The population is slightly on the decrease and no change is anticipated in the future.

III. Fitness of Houses - No general inspection appears to have been made and no action has been taken with regard to unfit houses.

IV. Unhealthy Areas - No record of any complaints or action taken.

V. Byelaws relating to houses, houses let in lodgings, tents, etc,  
Nil ...

VI. General and Miscellaneous - No action has been taken during the year.





## Prevalance and Control over Infectious Disease.

During the period under review there have been 45 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever, Of the Scarlet Fever cases 19 occurred in 1925 when there was a small epidemic affecting both adults and children. No special cause was discoverable. There ~~was~~ were no "Return" cases.

Diphtheria antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act, also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

No case of Encephalitis Lethargica arose. The notification of Diseases under the Regulations of the 7th Jan. 1919 have not been of much value.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided laboratories at Kendal, to which any practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium. The following have been done for Kirkby Lonsdale:-

Scarlet Fever.	2
Diphtheria.	13.
Organisms.	20.
Water Analysis (b.Coli)2	

Total. 37

No use has been made of the Schick and Dick tests, nor have any vaccinations been performed by the Medical Officer of Health, Close Liaison with the School Medical Officer is maintained so that the fullest use of School notification is made. The Mortality from Influenza is 0.14 per 1,000 of population. No facilities for disinfection exist but these can be arranged for if required: no need has arisen up to the present. Disinfection is always carried out after all cases of infectious disease.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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The story continues with the growth of the nation. The people of the United States have built a nation of freedom and justice. They have built a nation of freedom and justice.

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# Notifiable Disease. 1925.

Disease.	Total.	1-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	45-	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths .
Scarlet Fever.	19	1	3	8	3	2	1	1	19	-
Pneumonia.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Overcrowding has had no influence on the incidence of disease.

## Tuberculosis.

New Cases.					Deaths.			
Age Periods.	Pulmonary.		Non Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
10-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total.	5	2	-	1	-	1	-	-

No death from Tuberculosis was registered which had not previously been notified. The notification of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out. No action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 and Section 62 Public Health Act, 1925 has been required.

Tuberculosis, Venereal Disease and Maternity and Child Welfare is under the supervision of the County Council.

During the period under review no case of Puerperal Fever, Poliomyelitis or Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified. There was one death from each of the diseases Measles, and Whooping -cough.





## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER - The supply is constant, 285 houses being supplied directly and 21 houses from standpipes. In addition 23 houses are supplied from two wells. The sufficiency and quality of the water is excellent. The reservoir is situated about two miles away and the liability to contamination is small.

A Ministry of Health Enquiry was held during the year on an application to borrow money for the improvement of the water supply to the upper parts of the town; this was sanctioned and the work has been carried out. The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

RIVERS AND STREAMS - No complaint with regard to pollution has been made.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE - The sewers appear to be in good order and fairly well ventilated. The drains which are piped drains appear to be good and very few chokages occur. The Sewerage Works are fairly modern, consisting of two detritus tanks about 18 feet X 3½ feet each, five filters on one level and five on a lower level. The effluent from the filters flows into a zigzag drain which is older than the existing works and then into the river. The efficiency of this drain is somewhat questionable.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION -

No. of water closets.	350
No. of privies.	82

No conversions have taken place during the past five years.

SCAVENGING - House and shop refuse is regularly removed to a refuse tip. Ashbins are emptied weekly. All ashpits and privies are properly cleaned out and treated with disinfecting powder. A considerable amount of burnable refuse which ought never to find its way to the tip is thrown into the ashpits and bins. Arrangements are being made for the covering of the carts conveying the refuse to the tip. No ashpits have been abolished during the past year.

### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Inspections.	
Factories.	Nil.
Workshops.	2.
Workplaces.	Nil.
Defects found.	Nil.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first settlers who came to the continent in search of a new home. They found a land of vast resources and opportunities, but also one of many challenges. The early years were marked by conflict and struggle, but the spirit of the American people was one of resilience and determination. They fought for their freedom and their right to self-governance, and in the process, they created a new nation.

The American Revolution was a turning point in the history of the United States. It was a time when the colonies broke away from British rule and declared their independence. The war was long and difficult, but the American people emerged victorious. They established a new government based on the principles of liberty and justice for all. The Constitution was written, and the United States became a sovereign nation.

The early years of the United States were a time of rapid growth and expansion. The country's borders expanded westward, and new states were added to the Union. The economy grew, and the population increased. The American people were proud of their new nation and its achievements. They believed in the future of the United States and the role it would play in the world.

The American Civil War was a period of great hardship and sacrifice. It was a war between the North and the South, fought over the issue of slavery. The war was long and bloody, but it ultimately resulted in the preservation of the Union. The American people learned the value of unity and the importance of standing for their principles.

The Reconstruction era was a time of rebuilding and reform. The South was devastated by the war, and the country as a whole was in need of reconstruction. The American people worked hard to rebuild the nation and to create a more just and equitable society. They fought for the rights of all Americans, regardless of race or social status.

The American people have always been a people of progress and innovation. They have been at the forefront of many of the world's great achievements, from the invention of the automobile to the development of the atomic bomb. They have shown the world that it is possible to create a better future for all.

The history of the United States is a story of hope and possibility. It is a story of a people who have overcome many challenges and who continue to strive for a better future. The American people are proud of their heritage and of the role they have played in the world. They believe in the future of the United States and in the power of the American dream.



## Housing Statistics for the year 1925.

Number of houses erected during the year. Nil.

### 1. Unfit dwelling -houses

Inspection - (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations 1910. or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. Nil.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.

(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. Nil.

### 2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. Nil.

### 3. Action under Statutory Powers. Nil.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

**MILK** - The milk supply is wholesome and arrangements for supply and distribution are satisfactory. No inspections appear to have been made under the Milk and Dairies Acts 1915 and 1922. No action has been necessary regarding Tuberculous Milk, nor have any applications been made for the sale of "graded" milk.

**MEAT** - Meat has been regularly inspected during the month of December. As the slaughter -houses have fixed times for slaughter it is not difficult to examine every carcase. No system of marking has been adopted. All carcasses have been found to be free from disease. Arrangements for disposal have been made in the event of any meat being condemned. There is no public slaughter -house.

	In. 1920	Jan. 1925.	Dec. 1925
Registered.	4	4	4
Licensed.	-	-	1
Total	4	4	5

**OTHER FOODS** - No record of any inspections for some time.

No cases of food poisoning have occurred.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the County Council.

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